

FREMONT BOARD OF SELECTMEN**01 JUNE 2006****APPROVED 06/08/2006**

At 6:10 pm the meeting was called to order at the Scribner Road bridge. Present were Selectmen Gene Cordes and Donald Gates Jr; Road Agent Guerwood Holmes; Dam Bureau Representative Grace Levergood; Dale and Darrell Turner.

Those present reviewed the work done to date. Discussion focused on repair of the sluiceway. Darrell Turner suggested that one of the ways to increase the cap of the sluiceway was to raise it nearer to the final grade of the road and pouring a concrete wall on top of the existing stone walls; to raise the walls to a point that a one foot concrete cap could be poured on top of it with steel reinforcing (rebar or the like) and paving on top of that.

Levergood said that the rocks that are there need to be replaced because they are not secure enough. This includes the rocks resting on top of the stone support structure being removed and some stones need to be resecured in the wall. Ideally she said the Dam Bureau would like it wider. Anything that would increase the capacity of the sluiceway is desirable.

She added that it needs engineering approval, to include a hydraulic study as well as the structural bearing capacity of it, as it will have a road over it. She liked the idea of having Jersey barriers on site so that if there was an outflow you could direct the spill of water away from or to certain areas (such as away from the Collins building). She also found the idea of raising the headwall and the sluiceway along the ponding side of the river, of interest.

Guerwood Holmes mentioned that Dale Turner mentioned to him, that he was not sure the sluiceway was part of the dam and dam rights or water flow rights.

There was some general discussion about Dale Turner being willing to provide an easement to the town for some control over the dam level, boards, or flowage rights as needed in a high water situation. He said he would work with the Town on it.

Participants left the site at approximately 6:40 pm. Selectmen Cordes and Gates returned to the Town Hall and the meeting reconvened at 7:00 pm.

Darrell Turner came back into the Board's meeting at 7:00 pm to give the Board some more information about the bridge repair work. He suggested the Town look into borrowing a bailey bridge structure from the NH Bridge Maintenance Bureau. He suggested that we call Ed Welch, who is the Administrator at the Bureau of Bridge Maintenance (271-3667); or Assistant Administrator Doug Gosling. He said that we could reference his name and also Grace Levergood at the Dam Bureau.

At 7:00 pm Department Heads Richard Heselton and Lisa Maffei came into the meeting; along with Rescue Squad member Chris Braid.

Maffei began with two items. One was that the Rescue Association was intending to donate money back to Red Cross from the funds raised at the Fun Day. All members had voted on it the day of the event, and they just need to vote on it at their next regular meeting.

She also said that they would like to look into an explorer program and questioned Heselton if the Fire Department had a junior firefighter program, which they do not. The Rescue Squad would like to look into starting one. Carlson offered to get the contact information for the Daniel Webster Council, who runs Explorer programs through the Boy Scout organization.

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Heselton said that he got a call today from the Red Cross, wanting to know why they had not heard back from Laurie Lindeman about holding a blood drive in Fremont. Heselton said that a drive had been done in Fremont once, but the training room wasn't big enough. It was then held in the bay but there was no screening on the doors, and that made it too hot. He said logistically it was a problem. Maffei said she would get in touch with Lindeman to follow-up on it.

Heselton then said he had some reservations about sitting on the Emergency Management Director Search Committee due to a perceived conflict of interest.

Gates said that as the Fire Chief, he thought that he should be involved in the process. Heselton discussed it further with the Board, and said that he thought he would be involved.

In response to questions, Heselton and Maffei said that the merger is continuing to move ahead. There was some discussion about response to calls this past week.

Cordes reminded them, in follow-up to Gates' question, that it is now June and we are a few short months away from the budget season. Cordes said that from his perspective that he wanted to know what was the plan for the point systems, organizational structure, budgeting, etc. Heselton said that Thom Roy had put together a document to outline some of the structure. Cordes said that we are looking at a department that might have up to 50 people on it, and that it needed to involve as many people as possible.

Heselton said with this being the first year of a combined budget, that he planned to have Rescue create a budget on what they need to operate, and simply add that to the fire department budget. When they know what they need to do with LOSAP and points systems, that will also be incorporated. He discussed it as thought it will be two budgets simply combined for the 2007 budget year.

Gates asked about the plan and whether rescue had been involved in it. Maffei said she had reviewed the draft plan created by Thom Roy, but knew it was still a work in progress. Heselton said that there are a lot of little things that need to be worked out.

Braid said that he and Maffei are looking at other area combined departments to see what their command structure is like and how well it works. Cordes said they may also want to ask about potential problems.

There is a fire department officers meeting tonight. Selectmen asked when a progress report might be ready to be updated to the Board, and Heselton said he felt he needed to really work through things, and think them out. He also indicated that he was not sure he was up to all the work that this merger involves. Heselton said that he needs to handle it his way. Selectmen asked him to come back with an update on progress for the June 15th meeting.

There was more discussion about the repairs to Scribner Road.

Maffei also expressed some concerns to the Board about security in the rescue office.

Maffei and Braid left the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Heselton discussed the EMD search with Board a bit further. Heselton left the meeting at 7:40 pm.

At 7:40 pm Debbie & Dave Doucette met with the Selectmen to discuss parcel 03-028. Dave said he had talked to Peter Bolduc recently as well.

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Mr Doucette said that when Mr Lufkin bought the property, and Doucette's parents were still alive, that Lufkin came to the Doucette's and said he had a sick child and wanted to build an in-law apartment be able to care for the ill child. Doucette said that he was not opposed to that at all.

Mr Doucette said that the next thing they knew there was another house there. Mr Doucette said that he is trying to bring his property value back to its original condition and upgrade its value. Selectmen said they appreciate their concerns, and are going to send out a letter tonight indicating that he needs to keep the dwelling at two units or go through the public process to get it to three units legally.

Mr Doucette said that to begin with, the proposed construction for even two units did not meet the Zoning Ordinance.

Doucette's said they did not want to say anything bad about their neighbor and had no animosity toward him, but that they were very concerned about their property value, what the neighbor was doing there, and where this was all headed. They said they did not want it to go any further. They indicated that Mr Lufkin no longer lives at the property, which concerned them as well, with all tenants. They said that the two tenants currently there are very good neighbors.

Mr Doucette asked the Board if he should retain a real estate lawyer at this point, and Selectmen said that he needed to make what decisions were appropriate for him.

Selectmen explained much of the process, including that the septic design and building permit was for two units, 3 bedrooms each. They indicated that there were any number of things that could have been done differently.

At this time, Lufkin has to apply for site plan review if he wants to keep three units on site; as well as needing a variance or an equitable waiver for what he has there. Selectmen said that the permit was for two units, which, correct or not correct, was done.

Mr and Mrs Doucette left the meeting at 8:05 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Selectmen reviewed the minutes for 25 May 2006. Motion was made by Gates to approve them as written. Cordes seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 2-0.

2. Carlson presented some additional information on the oil bid pricing. Flynn Oil will provide downside protection to \$2.00 per gallon so that if any day, delivery price is under \$2.42, the Town is credited down to the \$2.00 price. They will also accept pre-buy now through December for the \$2.42 and will hold it for our Jan – June 2007 budgeted funds as well. Given this information, the Selectmen agreed to go with Flynn. Oil burner maintenance is done separately, although the once per year cleaning will be done as part of the agreed price.

3. Selectmen again discussed the request from JB Stevens Family for an interest abatement for on parcel 02-063. A letter was sent to Ms Stevens on April 20th asking for more information and no response has yet been received. The Selectmen directed Carlson to write another letter with a date certain deadline to respond.

NEW BUSINESS

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1. Selectmen reviewed the payroll manifest \$18, 634.21 and accounts payable manifest \$563,274.03. Both were approved and signed.
 2. Selectmen signed Memorial Day letters to Kim DiManna and Alexandra Adams.
 3. Selectmen signed outgoing correspondence to Jim Lufkin regarding the property at 284 Main Street; and signed a letter to Martin Ferwerda regarding drainage at his site. The Emery driveway letter was reviewed and needs to be reviewed by the Road Agent prior to the Selectmen's response.
 4. The Police Department's new speed monitoring trailer was due to be delivered in Fremont today, to be unloaded at Quality Flame because it needs a forklift. When Charles Rand came in to the meeting to pick up checks, he indicated he had indeed arrived but it had a broken taillight. Chief Janvrin was handling the matter.
 5. There was discussion about the summer schedule of Board meetings. Due to scheduling conflicts, the meeting for July 27 will be cancelled, and the Board decided to cancel the meeting of June 29 as well.
 6. Flooding updates – FEMA officials were in the office this afternoon and had a new poster of disaster declaration contact information, which has been posted and put on the Town's website. Thom Roy has also written an information sheet about the floodplain ordinance. There are some questions regarding substantial damage to properties from the flood, and how they need to be rebuilt following that determination. Selectmen suggested that Roy's proposed letter be sent by certified mail to the residents of Tibbetts Road, as non-compliance with the regulations jeopardizes the Town's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.
- The FEMA Operations center is opening tomorrow in Raymond at the Community Action building at 55 Prescott Road.
- Public Assistance has also been approved, and it is anticipated that the Town may soon also be able to apply for infrastructure assistance.
7. Chief Heselton had left an information sheet regarding the NH Retirement System enrollment for volunteer fire department members. Heselton suggested that this would be a good program. Carlson will call to get further information about what is covered.
 8. Selectmen reviewed a form received from Glen Oakes regarding Fremont and NH SPNHF signing off on the "donation" value of the Glen Oakes land. Further information will be obtained about this as well, prior to it being processed.
- Selectmen further discussed the information about Scribner Road. Carlson will begin calling to get some information, including consulting engineers who have the pertinent certifications that allow them to design dams. Additionally, Ms Levergood will be contacted regarding the possibility of a bailey bridge.
9. There was discussion about the Town getting a membership in the ICMA organization. It was decided to not be worthwhile for Fremont at this time.
 10. The dumpster at Tibbetts Road is full again. Selectmen agreed that one more could be pulled in for the coming weekend and that it would be removed by the beginning of next week.
 11. The Exeter Area POD meeting for signing of Memorandums of Understanding and Budget Request forms. Carlson will likely attend as there is not yet an Emergency Management Director. Cordes may try

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and attend as well. Fremont is in a local POD area with Epping and Brentwood, and the Exeter Area meeting is more of a regional approach to the budgeting process so that the federal money will be funneled to the necessary projects.

NEXT WEEK

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday June 8, 2006 at 6:00 pm.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Gates and seconded by Cordes to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 pm. The vote was unanimously approved 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Carlson
Town Administrator